

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3967, Honoring our PACT Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2983–S3013

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4415–4434, and S. Res. 682–683. **Pages S3002–03**

Measures Passed:

Honoring our PACT Act: By 84 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 230), Senate passed H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Pages S2983–91**

World Elder Abuse Awareness: Senate agreed to S. Res. 682, designating June 15, 2022, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and the month of June as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S3008**

Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 88, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. **Page S3008**

Securing Semiconductor Supply Chains Act: Senate passed S. 3309, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S3009–10**

Carper (for Peters) Amendment No. 5098, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3009–10**

VETS Safe Travel Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2280, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S3010**

Otto Warmbier Countering North Korean Censorship and Surveillance Act: Senate passed S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, after agree-

ing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S3011–13**

de Alba Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ana Isabel de Alba, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. **Pages S2991–92**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 231), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2992**

Boyle Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. **Page S2992**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 232), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2992**

Motion to Discharge Dettelbach Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on the Judiciary being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from further consideration of the nomination of Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice. **Pages S2992–95**

By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 233), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S2995**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Jaime E. Lizarraga, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2027.

Mark Toshio Uyeda, of California, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2023.

Naz Durakoglu, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs). **Page S3001**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Steven M. Dettelbach, of Ohio, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, which was sent to the Senate on April 25, 2022, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—233) **Pages S2991, S2992, S2995**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:22 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 17, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3010.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of General Christopher G. Cavoli, USA, to be general and Commander, U.S. European Command, and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Department of Defense, and 1,230 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023".

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on protecting communities from flood risk, after receiving testimony from Jana Henderson, Mississippi Office of Mitigation Director and State Hazard Mitigation Officer, Pearl, on behalf of the Association of State Floodplain Managers; Peter Van Doren, Cato Institute, and Jerry Theodorou, R Street Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; Douglas Quinn, American Policyholder Association, Toms River, New Jersey; and Samuel D. Brody, Director, Texas A and M University Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas, College Station.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Timmy T. Davis, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Qatar, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

COVID-19 FEDERAL RESPONSE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on the ongoing Federal response to COVID-19, focusing on current status and future planning, after receiving testimony from Rochelle P. Walensky, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Anthony S. Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Robert M. Califf, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, and Dawn O'Connell, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sarah A. L. Merriam, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Lara E. Montecalvo, of Rhode Island, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Tiffany M. Cartwright, to be